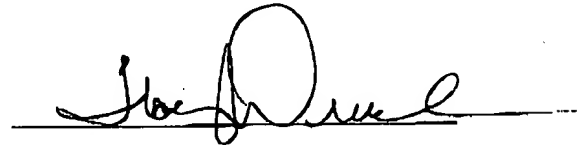


REMARKS

In view of Applicant's filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on October 4, 2000, one day after the mailing date of Examiner's Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the accompanying CPA Request is being filed. It is respectfully requested that Examiner indicate her consideration of the seven (7) cited references in the referenced IDS and reissue the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests early consideration and allowance of the pending claims, and passage to issuance of the present application. If there are outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

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